



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 14, 2015**

10:00am – 11:30am, Town Hall, Conference Room B

**Members Present:** Sara Anderson (staff), Jordana Frost, Rachel Leclerc, Pat Schneider and Mary Sposito

**Regrets:** Susan Daley, Kelly Zimmermann

<b>WHAT (Topic)</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
Consent Agenda	Minutes of March 12 and April 9, 2015 meetings were approved.	
Old Business	<p>Team Updates: Early Childhood Forum was well organized, but the time was poorly chosen and no one attended. More attention should have been given to what was best for the town instead of what was best for the UConn student volunteers.</p> <p>The possibility of holding mini forums was discussed. One could be held at the 5K and at the Celebrate Mansfield event. Questions could be selected for each of those events. Possibly a costume could be borrowed from Glastonbury YSB to have a “character” at Celebrate Mansfield to attract kids.</p> <p>School Readiness grant has been submitted. The slots were determined by parent choice, but they are not evenly distributed between centers. Policy has been considered: divide slots between centers based on occupancy. By a certain date, any slots not filled could be reallocated to different centers.</p> <p>SBF Update: There are captains identified for the areas of focus, except for blogging. A small committee should be formed to identify bloggers, invite bloggers, and coordinate posting dates. Perhaps Sarah D. can coordinate content coming in and ensure timely posting, etc. We need to develop content soon</p>	<p>This policy will be discussed at the next MAC meeting. Sara A. will ask other SR Liaisons how this is handled in their communities for ideas.</p> <p>Sara A. will schedule a Website Content Party</p>

New  
Business

Final year of Discovery Grant

This needs to be discussed at next Exec. when we know what funding we will have to work with. Many points were discussed, but decisions are not possible at this time.

If state funding doesn't come through, coordinator will have to take on assistant responsibilities.

Small committee needs to be assembled to recruit a chair. Leadership is vital moving forward.

If state funding doesn't come through, the job description of coordinator will be at the will of the town, as it will be funded with town dollars. MAC doesn't have jurisdiction over the job description.

Added agenda item: June MAC agenda

There is not enough money to bring back Amy SN, so SL team will move forward using her agenda developed at the last SL meeting in April. We feel that they will be able to move forward.

Many issues need to be discussed. It was not decided if a Full or Team meeting would be most effective. In the absence of a chair, Exec. Council will communicate via email to fully develop the agenda.

Assemble small committee at next MAC meeting.

Use Amy SN agenda for SL at next MAC meeting.

Whole Exec. Council will develop June MAC agenda.

Adjournment

Next MAC meeting:

**Wednesday, June 3, 2015, TBA**  
**5:00pm – 5:30pm** Arrival and Dinner  
**5:30pm – 7:30pm** MAC Meeting

Next MAC Executive Council meeting:

**Thursday, June 11, 2015, Conference Room B**  
**10:00-11:30 am**

Agenda topics: Please send to Sara Anderson at [andersonsd@mansfieldct.org](mailto:andersonsd@mansfieldct.org)

All Mansfield Children ages birth through 8 years old are healthy, successful learners and their families are connected to the community.